

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please delete the following, beginning at page 1, line 3:

**CROSS REFERENCE**

This application is a continuation-in-part (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120) of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/232,265, entitled "Drug Delivery Particle" and filed on August 30, 2002, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 30, line 12:  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/232,265, entitled "Drug Delivery Particle" and filed on August 30, 2002, is incorporated herein by reference.